Introduction of Rail-Bus Service

*410. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have introduced Rail-Bus Service in some areas; and

(b) if so, the places, State-wise, where this Service has been introduced?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railways do not provide train services State-wise. However, so far Rail-Buses have been introduced on the following sectors:

1. Merta Road-Merta City
2. Bikaner-Kolayat
3. Mankapur-Katra
4. Bobilli-Salur
5. Indara-Dohrighat (MG)

Computerised Reservation facility in Gujarat

*411. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations in Gujarat particularly in Saurashtra Kutch region where the ticket reservation has been computerised during 1995-96;

(b) the details of additional stations in the State which were proposed to be provided with such facility during 1996-97; and

(c) the details of the programmes undertaken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Nil.

(b) and (c) Provision of computerised reservation facilities has been approved for Veraval, Bharuch, Valsad, Navsari and Nadiad Stations in the Annual Plan for 1996-97.

Redrafting of National Culture Policy

*412. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to redraft the National Culture Policy which was earlier prepared by the previous Government;

(b) if so, what are the main changes made in the new policy and to what extent it will be different from the earlier one; and

(c) what are the main features of the proposed draft policy and by when it is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) to (c) National Policy on Culture, as drafted, is under the consideration of the Government.

Provision of Passenger facilities in Express Trains

*413. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of facilities to the passengers being provided by the Railways in the Express trains;

(b) whether it is a fact that the facilities presently being provided in the trains are not up to the mark;

(c) if so, the reasons, thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Amenities/Facilities are provided as per the type and class of the coach and are as per the laid down schedule based on the recommendations of a Committee nominated for this purpose. Some of the